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HEKMATIAR KILLED PROFESSOR MAJROOF

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: LONDON-BASED AMERICAN JOURNALIST LAWRENCE LIPSCHULTZ PUBLISHED AN OP-ED PIECE IN THE GOVERNMENT-RUN "PAKISTAN TIMES" ON 12 FEBRUARY WHICH IS MISLEADING IN PART AND IS SURE TO RAISE THE BACKLES OF ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOP AND THE ISLAMIC UNITY OF AFGHAN MUJAHIDIN (IUM). THE ARTICLE IS A FIRST ANNIVERSARY "IN MEMORIAM" OF AFGHAN INTELLECTUAL PROF. SAYD BUHANUDDIN MAJROOF. IN IT, LIPSCHULTZ ACCUSED HEKMATIAR'S GULBUDDIN HEKMATIAR OF MAJROOF'S ASSASSINATION AND EXCORIATES THE GOP - AND BY EXTENSION THE USG - FOR FAVORING AND PRESSED FORWARD HEKMATIAR AS THE EVENTUAL RULER OF AFGHANISTAN. LIPSCHULTZ FALSELY ALLEGES THAT ON THE LAST NIGHT OF HIS LIFE MAJROOF TRIED TO WARN USG AUTHORITIES AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE PESHAWAR THAT "ELEMENTS IN (USG) POLICY

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THREATENED AFGHANISTAN WITH GRAVE DANGERS. MAJROOF WAS, IN FACT, A MAN OF HONOR IN HONOR OF HIS OLD FRIEND, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN, TED ELICHT. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, ENGAGE IN ANY POLICY DISCUSSION WITH ANY USG OFFICIAL. HE WAS IMBIBED AS MUCH AS WAS HIS MORT.

3. BIODATA: AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE, THE "PAKISTAN TIMES" PRINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON LIPSCHULTZ: (BEGIN TEXT) LAWRENCE LIPSCHULTZ, AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST, HAS BEEN SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT OF THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AND HAS ALSO WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON THE SUBCONTINENT FOR LE MONDE DIPLOMATIQUE (PARIS), THE NATION (NEW YORK), AND THE GUARDIAN.

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IN SEPTEMBER 1983, A PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "AFGHANISTAN:
A WAY OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST? STYLE MOND'S DIPLOMACY". (SEPTEMBER
1983). IT WAS AN ARTICLE TO ARGUE IN DETAIL THAT THE
GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE D.N. SPONSORSHIP HELD OUT THE BEST
PROSPECT UNDER A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN COULD
BE SECURED. HIS VIEWS WERE WIDELY CRITICIZED AT THE TIME.
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4. EXCEPTS FROM ARTICLE: RELEVANT EXCERPTS OF THE LIFSCHULTZ
ARTICLE FOLLOW.

(BEGIN TEXT) ... WITHIN WEEKS OF (MAJROOH'S) DEATH REPORTS HAD

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APPEARED ON THE PAGES OF THE THREE TITANS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS --

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WASHINGTON POST AND THE WALL STREET
JOURNAL -- IDENTIFYING GULBUDDIN HEKMATIAR AND HIS ORGANIZATION
THE HEEZ ISLAMI, AS THE ONES RESPONSIBLE. UNTIL THEN THE
MURDEROUS UNDERSIDE OF MUJAHIDIN POLITICS HAD BEEN RATHER
STATIONARILY IGNORED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS.

5. AT AN ALL-PARTY MEETING OF THE MUJAHIDIN ALLIANCE HELD IN
PESHAWAR WITHIN A MONTH OF MAJROOH'S MURDER, PROFESSOR SEBCHATULLAH
MUJAHIDI DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY ACCUSED GULBUDDIN HEKMATIAR OF
HAVING MURDERED MAJROOH. ACCORDING TO A WITNESS, GULBUDDIN ICILY
AND SILENTLY STARED BACK AT HIS ACCUSERS, CONFIDENT THAT HE WAS
UNTOUCHABLE. ON THE DAY OF MAJROOH'S FUNERAL ALL THE MUJAHIDIN
ORGANIZATIONS HAD SENT HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO ATTEND IT, EXCEPT
OF COURSE, GULBUDDIN'S HEEZ ISLAMI WHICH NOTICEABLY AND QUITE
LOGICALLY BOYCOTTED THE CEREMONIES. ALTHOUGH SO MUCH WAS SUSPECTED
AND EVEN KNOWN, NO ONE WAS ABLE TO LIFT A FINGER. THERE WERE RICHES
AND CLEARLY POWERFUL FORCES IN PAKISTAN PROTECTING THE ACCUSED.

6. WITHIN DAYS OF THE MURDER HEKMATIAR COULD BE OBSERVED MAKING
THE ROUNDS IN ISLAMABAD. THERE WERE A SERIES OF WELL-PUBLICIZED
MEETINGS WITH GENERAL ZIA, PRESS CONFERENCES AT THE HOLIDAY INN,
AND STATEMENTS RENDERED MAKING IT UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR WHO WAS THE
FAVORITE BOSS OF GULBUDDIN'S BENEVOLENT GODFATHER. FOR THOSE
OF US WHO HAD KNOWN GULBUDDIN'S HUMILITY AND COMMITMENT,
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THE SPECTACLE WAS CRUDE AND UNSEEMLY, IF HARDLY SURPRISING. IT WAS NOT ONE FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF A STRATEGY DESIGNED FOR A PARTICULAR END AND PURSUED BY SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN MEANS. AS MAJROOH HAD OFTEN MADE CLEAR TO AMERICAN AND PAKISTANI OFFICIALS, THE STRATEGY THEY WERE ADOPTING WAS NEITHER THE ONLY NOR ULTIMATELY THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF PURSUING THE WAR. IT WAS A STRATEGIC APPROACH WHICH HELD WITHIN IT GRAVE DANGERS FOR THE FUTURE OF AFGHANISTAN ONCE THE SOVIET FORCES HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN ACROSS THEIR BORDER.

2. BUT THE PREVAILING PHILOSOPHY AMONG THOSE WHO DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED THE COURSE OF THE WAR WAS THAT THUGS HAD TO BE USED

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TO WICET THUGS. FOR SOME OF US WHO OBSERVED FROM THE START HOW IT WAS DONE, THERE WAS A CLEAR AND EVIDENT SENSE THAT THOSE WHO

WERE USING THE ELEMENTS OF POLICY WERE THUGS THEMSELVES. THOSE WHO WERE LIVING IN THAT WILDERNESS OF MIRRORS, WHERE THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY, WHERE THE NOTION OF 'PLAUSIBLE DENIAL' MEANT IN FACT BEING ABLE TO DENY ANY FORM OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR REAL, POLITICAL, OPERATIONAL -- FOR THE DISTURBING CONSEQUENCES OF PARTICULAR DECISIONS.

3. MAJROOH WAS AGAINST BUILDING UP THE STRENGTH OF SUCH ELEMENTS AS THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY STRIKE FORCE WITHIN THE RESISTANCE. HE WAS ALSO DISTURBED ABOUT THE METHODS USED TO BRING ABOUT A SMALL MINORITY ELEMENT WITHIN THE MUJAHIDEEN TO THE FRONT. HIS OVERRIDING CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE, ONCE A SOVIET WITHDRAWAL HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, WAS WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPANION OF ESTABLISHING A NEW AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD HAVE A

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...LIFE: BASIC PERSONAL DATA...
...IT WAS HIS LAST WARNING...
...ELEMENTS IN THEIR POLICY...
...DANGERS. THE WARNING APPEARED TO...
...MAJROOH'S COLLEAGUES WHO SPENT THE...
...EVENING WITH HIM AT THE CONSULATE DESCRIBED HOW MAJROOH...
...RETURNED HOME THAT EVENING IN SOME DESPAIR, YET REMAINED...
...DETERMINED TO CARRY ON. IF YOU CAN TELL YOUR PEOPLE IN AMERICA...
...ANYTHING, MAJROOH'S FRIEND WHO WAS WITH HIM THAT EVENING SAID...
...THEY TELL THEM TO STOP SHOVING MAJROOH'S MURDERERS DOWN OUR...
...THROATS. IF THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN AMERICA GET THE MESSAGE, SO WILL...
...THEIR SHADOWS IN PAKISTAN.

17. ... MAJROOH WAS ONCE ASKED BY A YOUNG AMERICAN PROFESSOR WHAT
THE TITLE OF HIS FOUR-VOLUME PHILOSOPHICAL WORK - THE EGO MONSTER -
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ACTUALLY MEANT. MAJROOH SMILED SOFTLY AND SAID, "YOU KNOW,
GULBUDDIN HEKMATIYAR ONCE ASKED ME THE VERY SAME QUESTION." "WHAT
DID YOU ANSWER HIM?" ASKED THE YOUNG AMERICAN. "I TOLD HIM,"
SAID MAJROOH, "GULBUDDIN, DO YOU TRULY WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE EGO
MONSTER IS? IT IS YOU, GULBUDDIN! IT IS YOU!" (END TEXT)

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